

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A control apparatus, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a remote control
signal transmitted from a remote controller;

5 judgment means for judging an external equipment
corresponding to the remote control signal; and

transmitting means for transmitting control data
corresponding to the remote control signal to the
external equipment judged.

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2. A control apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said transmitting means is a digital interface
based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

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3. A control apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said control apparatus is a digital video
recorder.

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4. A control apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said control apparatus is a TV monitor.

5. A control apparatus, comprising:

selection means for selecting an external
equipment;

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receiving means for receiving a remote control
signal transmitted from a remote controller; and
transmitting means for transmitting control data

corresponding to the remote control signal to the external equipment selected.

5 6. A control apparatus according to claim 5,
 wherein said transmitting means is a digital interface
 based on the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

10 7. A control apparatus according to claim 5,
 wherein said control apparatus is a digital video
 recorder.

 8. A control apparatus according to claim 5,
 wherein said control apparatus is a TV monitor.

15 9. A control method, comprising the steps of:
 receiving a remote control signal transmitted from
 a remote control controller;
 judging an external equipment corresponding to the
 remote control signal; and
20 transmitting control data corresponding to the
 remote control signal to the external equipment judged.

25 10. A control method according to claim 9, wherein
 the control data are transmitted to the external
 equipment through a digital interface based on the IEEE
 1394-1995 standard.

11. A control method according to claim 9, wherein said control method is to control the operation of a digital video recorder.

5 12. A control method according to claim 9, wherein said control method is to control the operation of a TV monitor.

10 13. A control method, comprising the steps of:
 selecting an external equipment;
 receiving a remote control signal transmitted from
 a remote controller; and
 transmitting control data corresponding to the
 remote control signal to the external equipment
15 selected.

 14. A control method according to claim 13,
 wherein the control data are transmitted to the
 external equipment through a digital interface based on
20 the IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

 15. A control method according to claim 13,
 wherein said control method is to control the operation
 of a digital video recorder.

25 16. A control method according to claim 13,
 wherein said control method is to control the operation
 of a TV monitor.